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a predetermined pressure, the slope S of the pressure buildup can be readily controlled.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims to:

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1. (AMENDED) A valve assembly for a mix head assembly of a molding system comprising:
a mix head comprising an inlet to a mixer section and an outlet from said mixer section;
an input port to a passage;
a plurality of sequentially activatable valves communicating with said passage to selectively suppress a flow of fluid through said passage; and
an output port from said passage to said mix head.

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11. (AMENDED) The assembly as recited in claim 10, wherein said second aperture sized to be larger than said first aperture and said third aperture sized to be larger than said second aperture.

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17. (AMENDED) A molding system comprising:
- a mix head comprising an inlet to a mixer section and an outlet from said mixer section;
 - an input port to a passage, said input port communicating with a feed assembly;
 - a plurality of sequentially activatable valves each defining a longitudinal axis, each of said plurality of sequentially activatable valves include an opening transverse to the longitudinal axis and alignable with said passage to selectively suppress a flow of fluid through said passage;
 - a bias adjacent each of said plurality of sequentially activatable valves to bias said valve toward an open position;
 - an actuator to selectively activate each of said plurality of sequentially activatable valves; and
 - an output port from said passage, said output port communicating with said mix head.

18. (AMENDED) The system as recited in claim 17, further including a controller to sequentially activate said plurality of sequentially activatable valves to meter an initial flow of the fluid.

19. (AMENDED) The system as recited in claim 18, wherein said controller activates each of said plurality of sequentially activatable valves in response to a predetermined pressure.

20. (AMENDED) The system as recited in claim 18, wherein said plurality of sequentially activatable valves includes a first valve, a second valve and a third valve, said first valve adjacent said output port.

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21. (AMENDED) The system as recited in claim 20, wherein said first valve includes a first aperture, said second valve includes a second aperture, and said third valve includes a third aperture.

22. (AMENDED) The system as recited in claim 21, wherein said second aperture sized to be larger than said first aperture and said third aperture sized to be larger than said second aperture.

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26. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said plurality of sequentially activatable valves are located within a valve housing mounted adjacent said mix section.

27. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 26, further comprising a plurality of said valve housings mounted about a circumference of said mix head, each of said valve assemblies communicating a fluid material to said mix section.

28. (NEW) The system as recited in claim 17, wherein said plurality of sequentially activatable valves are located within a valve housing mounted adjacent said mix section.

29. (NEW) The system as recited in claim 28, further comprising a plurality of said valve housings mounted about a circumference of said mix head, each of said valve assemblies communicating a fluid material to said mix section.

30. (NEW) The assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said plurality of sequentially activatable valves intersect said passage in a substantially perpendicular orientation.

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31. (NEW) The system as recited in claim 17, wherein said plurality of sequentially activatable valves intersect said passage in a substantially perpendicular orientation.
